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1. CHINA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS GATES, IN PHONE INTERVIEW, URGED CARTER ADMIN MOVE MORE RAPIDLY TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT FULL DIPLO RELS W/PRC; SAID US CAN NORMALIZE RELS W/PEKING, BREAK SUCH TIES W/GROC, AND STILL MAINTAIN THRIVING TRADE W/TAIPEI; MAINTAINED PEKING HAS "NO CAPABILITY AND NO INTEREST IN USING FORCE" AGAINST TAIWAN; CAUTIONED THAT IF ANOTHER YEAR PASSES W/O "SOME IMPORTANT" US MOVES TOWARDS NORMALIZATION, CHINESE PRIDE "MAY BE HURT AND THEY MAY GET VERY STICKY ON DETAILS"; TOOK ISSUE W/THOSE IN ADMIN WHO FEEL US ALREADY GETTING ALL IT NEEDS FROM PRC OR THAT PEUNCLASSIFIED

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KING SITUATION TOO UNSTABLE FOR US NOW UNDERTAKE MAJOR DIPLO INITIATIVE; STATED ADMIN HAS FAILED EDUCATE US PUBLIC ON NECESSITY OF MOVING TOWARD ENDING DIPLO TIES W/ROC.

AT THURS STATE BANQUET FOR VISITING CONGOLESE PM, LI HSIEN-NIEN ACCUSED US/SOVIET OF CRIMINAL ACTIONS IN AFRICA. LI'S ATTACK PROMPTED WALKOUT BY SOVIET BLOC DIPLOS; NO US REPS PRESENT (REUTER'S ROGERS, PEKING 6/16).

IN AFTERMATH OF SINGLAUB/STARRY EPISODES, DOD ISSUED

DIRECTIVE THURS TO ALL US COMMANDS WARNING OFFICERS ADHERE TO OFFICIAL POLICY (NYT'S WEINRAUB).

CNA REPORTED THURS THAT GEN SINGLAUB IS NOW ON PRIVATE VISIT TAIPEI, AFTER REPORTEDLY FLYING IN FROM SEOUL TUES (REUTER TAIPEI 6/16).

2. JAPAN

JAPAN/USSR RESUME FISHERY TALKS 6/20, AFTER FUKUDA REJECTED SOVIET SUGGESTION THAT KURILE ISLANDS QUESTION BE SHELVED/ "GOOD NEIGHBOR" TREATY SIGNED. NEXT WEEK'S TALKS WILL DECIDE HOW MUCH FISH SOVIETS ALLOWED CATCH W/IN JAPAN'S NEW 200-MI ZONE. IN OTHER MATTER, JAPANESE FON MINISTRY 6/16 REJECTED CHINESE ARGUMENT THAT SK-JAPAN PACT FOR CONTINENTAL SHELF DEVELOPMENT INFRINGES ON CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY (SUN'S SEIDEN, TOKYO).

JAPANESE CABINET FORMALLY ANNOUNCES NEW 200-MI FISHING ZONE WILL GO INTO EFFECT 7/1. ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT APPLY IN SEA OF JAPAN NEAR SK/PRC, YELLOW SEA, E CHINA SEA, SW PACIFIC; THIS DUE FACT PRC/SK HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED OWN FISHING ZONES (JOC TOKYO).

KEIDANREN PRES DOKO PLANS LAUNCH NEGOTS W/SOVIETS ON POSSIBLE NUKE ENERGY AGREEMENT DURING SCHEDULED UNCLASSIFIED

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MTGS IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK. DOKO SEEKING ARRANGEMENT W/USSR FOR EXCHANGE TECHNOLOGY/INFO/SPECIALISTS INVOLVED IN PEACEFUL USES ATOMIC ENERGY (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

GATT FORMALLY WARNS US THAT IMPOSITION COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AGAINST IMPORTS JAPANESE ELECTRONIC GOODS ILLEGAL/WOULD PROMPT TRADE REPRISALS. US' GATT DELEGATE DIDN'T OBJECT TO COUNCIL'S CONCLUSIONS/SAID CARTER ADMIN APPEALING 4/12 COURT RULING WHICH SET DUTIES (AP NYT, WP, CHITRIB). WSJ ADDS JAPANESE OFFICIAL INDICATED JAPAN WOULD DO NOTHING PENDING OUTCOME USG APPEAL.

MITCHELL (WP) REPORTS "WHALE SURVIVAL DAY" PROTEST SCHEDULED FOR LAFAYETTE SQ 6/17, LED BY SAVE-THE-WHALE ADVOCATE CHRISTINE STEVENS. STEVENS PLANS SELL T-SHIRTS READING, "BAN JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN PRODUCTS"/WILL OBSERVE INTL WHALING COMMISSION MTG IN AUSTRALIA THIS WK.

3. AUSTRALIA/PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN HILL TESTIMONY 6/16, GULF OIL CHIEF MCAFEE SAID GOVTS/URANIUM PRODUCERS IN CANADA/FRANCE/AUSTRALIA/S AFR FORMED 1972 CARTEL TO DEAL W/GLOBAL URANIUM SALES.

CARTEL BLAMED BY SOME FOR CAUSING 7-FOLD URANIUM PRICE INCREASE IN RECENT YRS, THO MCAFEE STATED CARTEL "HAD NO DISCERNIBLE IMPACT" ON US (REUTER'S HORTON, 6/16).

GROUP 21 LABOR PARTY OPPOSITION MEMBERS CALLED ON GOA 6/16 TO DECLARE AUSTRALIAN WATERS WHALE SANCTUARY/ URGED 10-YR MORATORIUM ON COMMERCIAL WHALING (AFP, WP).

SMALL DELEGATION MARSHALL ISLANDERS, LED BY FORMER CHIEF MAGISTRATE JOHN ANJAIN, ALLOTTED 15-MIN TESTIMONY TO PRESS COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM US H-BOMB TEST 23 YRS AGO. BILL BEFORE CONGRESS LINCLASSIFIED

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DESIGNED GIVE 25,000 DOLS EACH RADIATION-EXPOSED VICTIM/ 50,000 TO ANJAIN FOR SON'S DEATH/100,000 EA TO 3 MARSHALL ATOLLS TO BUILD COMMUNITY FACILITIES (PINCUS, WP).

4. MALAYSIA

AT KL PRESS CONF 6/16, USDA SEC BERGLAND REAFFIRMED CARTER ADMIN'S PLEDGE RESIST PROTECTIONISM, THO CONGRESS WOULD HAVE FINAL WORD. COMMENT SEEN AS HINT TO GOM ADOPT LESS AGRESSIVE APPROACH IN PALM OIL EXPORT TO US. SEC DEPARTS KL FOR MANILA 6/17 (REUTER KL 6/16).

5. INDOCHINA

IN WEDS PHONE CONVERSATION W/MEMBERS HIRC SUBCMTE ON ASIAN/PAC AFFAIRS, NIXON SAID NEITHER PRC/USSR WAS "MUCH INTERESTED" IN HELPING SETTLE VN WAR (UPI, WP).

6. KOREA

SENATE THURS REFUSED SUPPORT PRES CARTER'S PLAN PULL OUT GROUND FORCES FROM SK, REFUSED ENDORSED MOVE (CSM; AP SUN, PHINQ; UPI NYDN, CHITRIB). HOVEY (NYT) REPORTS ACTION CAME DURING FLOOR DEBATE, REFLECTS STRONG OPPOSITION TO PRES' INTENTION W/DRAW GROUND TROOPS. RICH (WP, EXCERPTED IN GLOBE) SAYS PRES WILL FACE SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION IF ATTEMPTS GO FWD W/PULLOUT. REPORTS REPUBLICAN ARGUMENT THAT PHASEOUT PLAN SHOULD NOT BE ENDORSED W/O CONSIDERABLE FURTHER STUDY OF CONSEQUENCES.

PRES PARK TOLD FRIDAY MTG CABINET MEMBERS/ARMS INDUSTRY REPS THAT ROKG ORIGINALLY PLANNED COMPLETION ARMS INDUSTRY

BY EARLY 1980S, BUT DUE PROPOSED US TROOP PULLOUT, MUST FINISH WAR INDUSTRY BY 1980 (REUTER SEOUL).

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ARMSTRONG (WP) REVIEWS U SECY HABIB'S PART IN KOREAN INFLUENCE PROBE. QUOTES SOURCES THAT CURRENT DOJ INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED FROM INFO TURNED OVER BY HABIB IN LATE 1975. MENTIONS ANONYMOUS LTRS TO JOURNALISTS/FEDL OFFICIALS SINCE LAST FALL THAT CHARGE HABIB HAD COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL US INTELL RE SK WHEN PLANS INFLUENCE KEY CONGRESSMEN FORMULATED; LTRS BELIEVED WRITTEN BY KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE IN EITHER DOS/CIA. REVIEWS INTELL REPORTS BETW 1969-74 THAT TOUCHED ON VARIOUS QUESTIONABLE SK ACTIVITIES. ADDS MUCH INFO APPARENTLY CLOSELY HELD BY SMALL GROUP W/IN DOS/CIA/NSC. ADDS ALL OFFICIALS CONTACTED SAID NO SUBSTANTIATION FOR ALLEGATIONS IN LTRS ABOUT HABIB, SUGGESTED MOTIVATION PROBABLY POLITICAL.

LENZNER (GLOBE) REPORTS TONGSUN PARK IN LONDON HAS TURNED DOWN DOJ IMMUNITY OFFERS TO TESTIFY IN GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION. QUOTES DOJ THAT HAS SOUGHT QUESTION PARK/RETURN HIM TO US. WSTAR'S GOSSIP COLUMNIST "EAR" NOTES TANDY DICKENSON'S BACK IN TOWN, "TONGSUN IS NOT" (6/16).

HUGHES (NYT) NOTES AMERICAN-KOREAN CULTURAL SOCIETY PRESENTS PROGRAM KOREAN SONGS/OPERA EXCERPTS WEDS AT ALICE TULL HALL.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. CHINA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS SEN PERCY (R-ILL), IN SPEECH PREPARED FOR DELIVERY NCUSCT 6/16, ASSERTED SINO-US RELS "STILL VERY FRAGILE AND COULD DETERIORATE UNLESS CAREFULLY NURTURED"; UGED NOW IS OPPORTUNE TIME MOVE AHEAD; SAID PEKING HAS ALREADY ACCEPTED VIEW THAT IF NORMALIZATION RELS WITH US ACHIEVED, US TRADE W/TAIWAN WOULD CONTINUE UNABATED; DECLARED EVEN IF THERE NEVER IS US-PRC TRADE "BONANZA," POTENTIAL FOR SIGNIFICANT GROWTH SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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TRADE IS DEFINITELY ON HORIZON IF POL BARS TO NORMALIZATION CAN BE REMOVED; ADDED THERE CAN BE NO ASIA STABILITY W/O CONSTRUCTIVE CHINESE PARTICIPATION, AND US-PRC COOPERATION NECESSARY TO BALANCE SOVIET DESIRE EXPAND IN REGION.

SEN HART (D-COLO) THURS RECOMMENDED DELAY IN SCHEDULED PROMOTION OF GEN STARRY (UPI, WP).

CITING STARRY CASE, CHITRIB WONDERS IF DOD HAS ACQUIRED SOME EXAGGERATED IDEAS OF ITS POWER TO MUZZLE GENERALS

SINCE SINGLAUB INCIDENT. ASSERTS THAT IF CARTER ADMIN

HAS ADOPTED "DEFINITE POLICY ON WHETHER THERE SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE (SINO-SOVIET WAR), AND ON WHAT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD IT SHOULD BE, IT HAS ESCAPED US." MAINTAINS "THE MORE OPEN DISCUSSION THE BETTER" ON POSSIBILITIES OF SINO-SOVIET CLASH, IN ORDER HELP US DRAW UP CONTINGENT PLANS FOR USE IN VARYING SITUATIONS.

SUN'S CORDDRY SEES STARRY INCIDENT ONCE AGAINST RAISING QUESTION HOW FREELY HIGH-RANKING MIL MEN MAY SPEAK IN "OPEN" CARTER ADMIN.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS ANALYSIS OF RECENT PROVINCIAL CCP APPOINTEMENTS SHOWS PLA, AFTER WATCHING ITS ROLE IN LOCAL CIVILIAN ADMINS SHRINK STEADILY IN '70S, HAS MADE COMEBACK SINCE MAO'S DEATH. OBSERVES THAT SINCE HUA'S ELEVATION, ALMOST 30 MIL MEN HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP POSTS, WHILE ONLY 10 HAVE LOST SUCH POSTS. SEES SURVEY CONFIRMING ANALYSTS' SUSPICION THAT HUA/MIL BACKERS HAVE USED PLA JUST AS MAO DID--TO LEND STABILITY TO FACTION-TORN CIVILIAN ADMINS IN PROVINCES.

8. KOREA

THIMMESCH (CHITRIB) REMARKS NYT/WP STORIES THIS WK UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATE PRIMARILY DEMOCRAT INVESTIGATORS SEEKING "CATCH" SOME GOP MEMBERS IN KOREAN BRIBERY SCANDAL. STATES THO TIP O'NEILL CLAIMS ETHICS CMTE PROBE WILL BE THOROUGH/FAIR, THERE IS STILL "GREAT CHALLENGE" TO CARTER/ATTY GENRL TO PURSUE INVESTIGATION. ADDS AT TIME WHEN MITCHELL/HALDEMAN PREPARE ENTER JAIL, "IT WOULD SEEM" SOME "MORAL BALANCE" MIGHT BE SOUGHT IN WASHINGTON, BUT ANYBODY WHO BELIEVES DEMOCRATS WILL PURSUE THAT "IS AN ASS."

CHITRIB WONDERS WHETHER "KOREAN CONNECTION" PROBERS'
AMBITION "IS TO FIND NOTHING AT ALL," AS INQUIRIES SO
FAR SLUGGISH/UNPRODUCTIVE. CITES DEMS INVESTIGATING
SELVES/DEM DOJ INVESTIGATING DEM CONGRESS, WHOSE SUPPORT
"FLEDGING" DEM PRES NEEDS. STATES IF CARTER/CONG LEADERS
DON'T WANT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR "FORCED UPON THEM BY PUBLIC
OPINION," INVESTIGATORY EFFORTS MUST BE "LOT MORE CONVINCING."

WP'S OBERDORFER BELIEVES SENATE'S REFUSAL 6/16 TO SUPPORT CARTER'S W/DRAWAL PLAN REFLECTS CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN THAT PRES MAY BE DEPARTING TOO FAR/TOO FAST FROM LONGSTANDING US ANTI-COMMMUNIST POSITIONS. SAYS SEEMS "DOUBTFUL" CONGRESS WILL STOP W/DRAWAL, BUT THURS VOTING INDICATES

LEGISLATORS MUST BE CONVINCED. STATES "NET RESULT"

IS WARNING TO CARTER TO PROCEED W/CAUTION, "AND WITH THE LAWMAKERS FULLY CONSULTED."

9. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

KAMM (NYT SINGAPORE) DESCRIBES DEPLORABLE ORDEAL 249
REFUGEES ABOARD "LEA P DAL," SHIP SENT SENT BY CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND PEACE TO PICK UP REFUGEES FROM THAILAND, BRING THEM TO AUSTRALIA. SHIP NOW ANCHORED IN MALAYSIAN WATERS OFF SINGAPORE; NEITHER GOVT WILL ALLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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REFUGEES ASHORE, SHIP CANNOT MOVE UNDER OWN POWER. CALLS SITUATION SA D PICTURE REFUGEE PLGIHT: NOBODY WANTS THEM SO THEY EXIST IN LIMBO OF HOSTILITY/INDIFFERENCE FROM THOSE FROM WHOM THEY EXPECTED HELP.

10. GENERAL

SNOW (GLOBE) SEES PRES CARTER HUMANIZING FOREIGN AFFAIRS/
"DEBUNKING MYTHOLOGY OF ITS BEING A SPECIAL PROVINCE FOR
THE SPECIALLY QUALIFIED." NOTES CHIP WENT TO PEKING.
SAYS PRES REKINDLES FAITH/INVOLVEMENT OF PUBLIC IN FIELD.
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